# FORMER CHEVRON PERTH AMBOY FACILITY SUPPLEMENTAL FIELD SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PLAN SEDIMENTS

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# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

TRC Environmental Corporation (TRC), on behalf of Chevron USA (Chevron) has revised the Supplemental Field Sampling and Analysis Plan (SFSAP) for collection and analysis of additional sediment samples from Woodbridge Creek, Spa Spring Creek, and the Arthur Kill proximate to the former Chevron Facility located in the City of Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, New Jersey (the Facility). This SFSAP was updated to provide the USEPA with additional supporting information regarding the basis for proposed sediment sampling, based on their March 1, 2018 comments on the previous (November 2018) SFSAP (Appendix A). The SFSAP is being submitted (as revised) pursuant to the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) Permit Renewal and Permit Modification I issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2013 to Chevron USA, Inc. - Buckeye Perth Amboy Terminal LLC (EPA I.D. # NJD081982902). The 2013 HSWA Permit requires that the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) be completed for the three water bodies 1. The investigation of these surface water bodies began in 2002 as part of the Facility wide RFI. This SFSAP proposes supplemental sediment sampling to complete this investigation, including data gaps identified in previous phases of the RFI for the three water bodies. Once completed, this sampling effort is intended to be the final phase of the RFI for the three water bodies. A comprehensive supplemental RFI report for the three surface water bodies (incorporating all prior surface waste body investigations) will be submitted upon completion of the field work proposed in this SFSAP.

The Facility is located near the confluence of Woodbridge Creek and the Arthur Kill in an older urban/industrial area of Perth Amboy (Figure 1). The SFSAP was originally prepared as part of the overall response to a letter from the USEPA, containing recommendations and comments from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) dated August 31, 2018. The August 31, 2018 letter requested additional sediment sample collection in Facility-adjacent waters, as further discussed at a subsequent meeting on September 17, 2018 between Chevron, the USEPA, and the NJDEP. The SFSAP was submitted to the USEPA in November 2018, and Chevron received additional comments from USEPA in their letter dated March 1, 2019. Consequently, Chevron has prepared this July 2019 revised SFSAP to address those latest comments. The proposed sampling locations and analyses, as revised, are shown on revised Figure 2, and on Figure 2a.

# *Investigative History*

Several phases of a RFI for the three surface water bodies have been completed for the Facility pursuant to the HSWA Permit. These investigations targeted specific surface water locations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> see 2013 HSWA Permit, Module III, Condition B.2. Page 25 and 26

where adjacent Facility areas designated as Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs), Areas of Concern (AOCs), Potential AOCs (PAOCs), areas with evidence of subsurface Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids (LNAPL) and various known points of storm/wastewater effluent discharge existed. Additional background and other sampling locations were also included in prior inveatigations.

In 2002, Chevron collected approximately 16 surface water samples and 44 sediment samples from water bodies adjacent to the Facility (Woodbridge Creek, Spa Spring Creek, and the Arthur Kill), some or all of which were analyzed for organic and inorganic chemical constituents including volatile organic compounds (VOCs), base neutral compounds (BNs), metals, and petroleum hydrocarbons. The results of the 2002 surface water and sediment investigation were provided to the NJDEP and USEPA in the Baseline Ecological Evaluation (BEE) that was included as Section 9 in Chevron's November 2003 RFI Report and Chevron's February 2008 Supplemental RFI Report (SRFI Report). The 2002 sediment sampling event identified various organic compounds (primarily BNs) and metals in multiple sediment samples. Petroleum staining was identified in some sediment sample cores during field sampling. Contaminants of Potential Ecological Concern (COPECs) were identified based on comparison of laboratory analytical results to ecological screening criteria.

In 2014, Chevron conducted a supplemental sediment investigation of Spa Spring Creek and Woodbridge Creek to further investigate these waterbodies under the HSWA Permit and respond to comments raised by NJDEP and EPA on their review of Chevron's 2003 BEE Report. As part of the 2014 supplemental field work, Chevron completed 14 additional sediment cores and collected approximately 14 additional sediment samples from Woodbridge Creek and Spa Spring Creek. The results of this supplemental work were provided in Chevron's Supplemental Ecological Evaluation Report, dated 2016 (SEER), included as Attachment 1. As part of the SEE, Chevron completed the re-evaluation of COPECs, collected additional sediment samples in Spa Spring Creek and Woodbridge Creek including analysis for Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons (EPH; this analytical method was not available during the prior 2002 investigation) and further evaluated potential contaminant migration pathways to surface water. In addition, a bathymetric survey was completed in the lower portion Woodbridge Creek (see Figure 6 in Attachment 1).

# 1.1 SURFACE WATER BODIES / FACILITY STORM AND WASTEWATERS

# 1.1.1 Surface Waters

The surface water bodies bordering portions of the Facility have been evaluated as environmental receptors, as noted above. They include Spa Spring Creek to the north, Woodbridge Creek to the north/northeast, and the Arthur Kill to the east (Figure 2). The Arthur Kill is a tidal straight separating New Jersey and Staten Island (New York City). Woodbridge Creek and Spa Spring Creek are tidal, brackish estuarine waters that flow past the Facility. Water flow and elevation in these waterways fluctuate based on the diurnal and spring tidal cycles. The sediments in these waterways are the focus of the sampling proposed in this SFSAP.

The reach of Spa Spring Creek along the Facility's northern border consists of a smaller, manmade channel that empties into Woodbridge Creek. Immediately upstream of the Facility, Spa Spring Creek flows through an industrial area. Further upstream Spa Spring Creek flows under a rail road

and through an urban residential area. Prior to its diversion along the Facility's northern boundary, Spa Spring Creek naturally flowed through the location of the former North Field Basin (currently Chevron's tidal wetlands creation project area). Previously Chevron had a NJPDES permitted discharge to Spa Spring Creek.

The Arthur Kill itself is part of the New York-New Jersey Harbor complex and is a tidal strait connecting the Kill van Kull and Newark Bay to the north with Raritan Bay and the Raritan River to the south. Tidal surges come from both the Kill Van Kull/Newark Bay and the Raritan Bay/estuary, with an average flushing time of two weeks and an average semi-diurnal tidal range of 1.6 meters (5.3 feet). The major freshwater inputs are the major tributaries of the Arthur Kill: the Rahway River, the Elizabeth River, and the Fresh Kills, which contribute about 38 percent (122 cubic feet per second (ft<sup>3</sup>/sec)), with the balance of 62 percent (200 ft<sub>3</sub>/sec) coming from smaller tributaries, sewage treatment plants, combined sewer overflows, and industrial discharges. The salinity of the Arthur Kill varies from 17 to 27 ppt at the southern end to nearly freshwater in some of the tributary mouths.

The Arthur Kill is an important industrial/commercial water way and is surrounded by one of the most densely populated coastal areas in the world. According to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, there is a concentration of industrial uses adjacent to the Arthur Kill, especially for port facilities and petroleum and chemical industries<sup>2</sup>. Significant modifications of the physical features of the Arthur Kill and its tributaries were made to serve the maritime transportation and related industries in the New York/New Jersey harbor area, beginning in the mid-late 1800s. The highly industrialized waterway is dredged to maintain an average channel depth of nine meters (30 feet) and much of the shoreline is comprised of bulkheads or rip-rap. Land use along the Arthur Kill includes railroad yards, petro-chemical bulk storage and transfer facilities, bulkheads, docks, road systems, New York City's Freshkills landfill, power plants, petroleum refineries, chemical plants, and other industrial and residential land uses. Prior to the advent of the NJPDES permit program, Chevron dicharged treated storm water to the Arthur Kill at the approximate location of the former East Yard separator.

Woodbridge Creek extends approximately 5.4 miles terminating at the Arthur Kill with several prominent meanders along its course. Woodbridge Creek is bounded by mudflats and tidallyflowed wetlands, as well as numerous, residential, industrial, commercial and abandoned properties. Several wetland restoration projects have been conducted along its banks. At normal high tide, the Creek is approximately 100 feet wide as it flows past the Facility. Woodbridge Creek empties into the saline Arthur Kill several hundred feet north of the Facility's East Yard. While not as developed as the Arthur Kill, Arthur Woodbridge Creek has a long industrial history. Petroleum facilities, chemical plants, metal recycling plants, brick manufacturing plants an industrial landfill and a commercial hazardous waste reprocessing plant existed along the banks of Woodbridge Creek in proximity to the Facility<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> See aerial photos from 1972 and 1978 in Appendix B-6. Also see the USEPA Region 2 RCRA Corrective Action Environmental Indicator (EI) report, June 12, 2008 for the CP Chemicals Facility (EPA Facility ID# NJD002141950) located across Woodbridge Creek from the Facility acknowledges "the industrialized nature of Woodbridge Creek".

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> United States Fish and Wildlife "SIGNIFICANT HABITATS AND HABITAT COMPLEXES OF THE NEW YORK BIGHT WATERSHED Arthur Kill Complex" see https://nctc.fws.gov/resources/knowledge-resources/pubs5/web\_link/text/akc\_form.htm

As will be discussed in Sections 1.1.3, below, Chevron's former Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) located along Woodbridge Creek, discharged treated process and storm water to the Creek under a NJPDES permit while the Refinery was in operation. Prior to construction of the ETP in 1976 and the NJPDES permitting program, stormwater and process waters from the Refinery were treated in several ponds and separators located near the Creek and discharge treated effluent to Woodbridge Creek in the vicinity of the current ETP.

Several current or former industrial facilities are located adjacent to the Facility including the former Amerada Hess bulk petroleum storage and distribution facility, the former American Steel and Refining Company (ASARCO), the former Shell (now Motiva) bulk petroleum storage and distribution facility and the former American Cyanamid chemical manufacturing plant. The former CP Chemical plant, a commercial hazardous waste facility, existed directly across Woodbridge Creek from the facility. The former Hess and the Shell/Motiva sites front both the Arthur Kill and Woodbridge Creek, the ASARCO site is located to the south on the Arthur Kill, while the American Cyanamid site is along a tributary to Woodbridge Creek and upstream of the Facility.

# 1.1.2 Facility Storm and Wastewater Management

The following is an overview of Chevron's management of process water and stormwater runoff. This summary was previously provided in the 1994 Description of Current Conditions Report (DOCC) and the RFI report. This summary is being submitted again based on NJDEP and USEPA March 1, 2019 comment letter and subsequent discussions with Chevron. Relevant sections of the DOCC are included as Attachment 2.

General wastewater management operations can be divided into three main periods: (1) prior to 1976; (2) between 1976 and 1987; and (3) after 1987. These divisions are based upon the construction of the current Effluent Treatment Plant in 1976 and the removal of the stormwater surface impoundments from service in approximately 1987.

# Prior to 1976

Prior to the construction of the ETP, Refinery stormwater was apparently discharged to both Woodbridge Creek and the Arthur Kill after treatment. Process water from refining operations was likely discharged to Woodbridge Creek after treatment. No information is available to Chevron regarding potential discharge(s) to Spa Spring Creek during this period.

- East Yard Discharges: Discharges from the East Yard to the Arthur Kill were treated by an oil/water separator, referred to as the Oil Water Separator Near EYB (SWMU 36), which was operated from approximately 1950 to 1976. No information is currently available regarding the management of East Yard stormwater and wastewater prior to 1950.
- Other Discharges: Wastewater discharges from the Central Yard, West Yard, Main Yard and North Field were routed through the OWSS (AOC 16) to several oil/water separator systems located in the North Field. The oil/water separator systems recovered

oil and removed suspended solids by settling. The effluent from the oil/water separator systems were discharged to Woodbridge Creek.

Information regarding which specific areas within the Refinery were routed to the individual oil/water separator systems is currently unavailable. The oil/water separator systems in the North Field included:

- Old Pond (SWMU 40): The No. 1 Separator was connected to the "Old Pond". The Old Pond was operated from prior to 1940 to approximately the early 1970's. Aerial photos indicate that this unit discharged to Woodbridge Creek.
- No. 4 Separator (SWMU 35): The No. 4 Separator included a pond referred to on Refinery drawings as the Gentry Pond. This unit operated from approximately 1950 to 1977. Aerial photos indicate that this unit discharged to Woodbridge Creek.
- Surge Pond (SWMU 2): The Surge Pond was constructed in approximately 1950. It is likely that the Surge Pond received the majority of the stormwater runoff from the North Field and Main Yard. Oil/water separator sludge, tank bottoms and other wastes were placed in the Surge Pond after its original function for stormwater retention was superseded by the NFB in approximately 1960.
- **NFB** (**SWMU 1**): The NFB was created in 1960 to replace the Surge Pond for stormwater retention and to provide aggressive biological treatment prior to discharge to Woodbridge Creek.
- No. 2 and No. 3 Separators (SWMU 31): These Separators were associated with the Surge Pond and the NFB and recovered oil from these units prior to discharge to Woodbridge Creek.

Dredged materials removed from these oil/water separator systems during maintenance were reportedly placed in an area now known as the Mud Flats (SWMU 43), which was constructed in approximately 1955.

# Between 1976 and 1987

In 1976, Chevron constructed the ETP in the North Field adjacent to Woodbridge Creek. The addition of the ETP significantly upgraded Chevron's ability to treat process water and stormwater runoff. Between 1976 and 1987, all wastewater and stormwater discharges, with the exception of a small volume of stormwater discharge to Spa Spring Creek, were routed through the OWSS to the ETP for advanced oil recovery and biological treatment, prior to discharge to Woodbridge Creek. Stormwater in excess of treatment capacity was held in the NFB prior to treatment at the ETP.

Excess stormwater runoff from the Central Yard, West Yard, Amboy Field, Main Yard and North Field was collected in the NFB and then routed to the ETP when treatment capacity was available. Water passing through the No. 2 and 3 Separators was routed to the ETP. After the construction of the ETP, several of the old oil/water separator systems were taken out of service including the Old Pond/No. 1 Separator, No. 4 Separator and the oil/water separator in the East Yard.

In 1976, Chevron constructed the EYB (SWMU 3) to replace the oil/water separator near the EYB, which discharged to the Arthur Kill. The EYB was equipped with a pump station that routed the water via the OWSS to the new ETP in the North Field.

# **After 1987**

In 1987, Chevron stopped using the NFB and EYB as stormwater holding impoundments. No stormwater was diverted to the NFB and EYB after 1987. These units were subsequently closed under NJDEP oversight.

The temporary East Yard stormwater storage capacity provided by the EYB was replaced by a single stormwater holding tank (Tank 765). The temporary North Field stormwater storage capacity provided by the NFB was replaced by a series of four stormwater holding tanks (Tanks 326, 327, 328 and 330). The excess water diverted to the holding tanks during storm events is routed to the ETP for treatment.

# **Effluent Waste Treatment Plant**

While the former Refinery was operating, process water and stormwater were treated at the ETP prior to being discharged into Woodbridge Creek. The processes at the ETP include:

- Primary oil removal in an API Separator;
- Secondary oil removal in an Induced Air Flotation (IAF) Unit;
- Aeration and 24-hour equalization in the equalization tank;
- Removal of dissolved contaminants with a biodisk system;
- Removal of suspended solids in a clarifier; and
- Additional equalization in a post-aeration basin (PAB) prior to final discharge to Woodbridge Creek. The effluent from the PAB was discharged to Woodbridge Creek via a 24-inch diameter underground outfall line (DSN-005A). This discharge point is still used by the current owner (Buckeye).

Buckeye, the current owner of the Facility, continues to operate the ETP. Operation has been scaled back over the years as refining operations ceased. Buckeye currently operates the Facility solely as a petroleum terminal. Stormwater runoff from petroleum storage areas is the principal waste stream currently handled by the ETP.

# **NJPDES Discharge to Surface Water Permits**

Buckeye (current facility owner) monitors the effluent from the ETP, which is discharged to Woodbridge Creek under its FWP. Chevron previously monitored discharges to Spa Spring Creek and a drainage ditch in Amboy Field during their tenure at the facility. The following is an historical breakdown of Chevron's Dischage to Surface Water (DSW) Permits with key information:

# June 1974 to Approximately 1979

Available records indicate that the Refinery was operating under an NPDES DSW permit during this period. NJDEP was not the implementing agency at this time. No relevant information for this period is currently available.

# July 3, 1979 to Approximately 1984

Available records for the 1979 DSW permit describe only Discharge Point 004, which was listed as effluent from the Power Plant to Spa Spring Creek. It is likely that this permit also covered the ETP.

- **Units Covered:** Discharge Serial Number (DSN) 004: Power Plant non-contact cooling water from turbo generator condenser.
- **Significant Changes from Previous Issuance:** No copies of an earlier permit have been located. However, it appears from the 1979 DSW permit that this discharge point (DSN 004) has been regulated since June 14, 1974.

# January 25, 1985 to Approximately 1990

In 1985, DSW Permit jurisdiction was transferred from EPA to NJDEP. NJPDES DSW Permit No. NJ0000221 allows the Refinery to discharge process water and stormwater to surface waters, which include Spa Spring Creek and Woodbridge Creek.

- Units Covered/Discharge Points Monitored: This permit covered two discharge points: DSN 004 and DSN 005.
  - <u>DSN No. 004</u>: Spa Spring Creek covered power plant water softener regeneration water and stormwater runoff from non-process areas of Chevron, as well as from property owned by others and from public roads.
  - <u>DSN No. 005</u>: Woodbridge Creek covered process water and contaminated stormwater runoff that is treated by the ETP using mechanical and biological methods.
- **Significant Changes from Previous Issuance:** Significant changes in the 1985 DSW Permit included the change of jurisdiction and the inclusion of DSN 005, located at the outfall of the ETP.

# **October 1992 Modification**

Chevron applied for and received a modification to the NJPDES DSW Permit in 1992. The permit modification incorporated the stormwater runoff from undeveloped portions of Amboy Field to a discharge point entering a ditch along Amboy Avenue.

• **Units Covered:** Discharge to point DSN 006, which received stormwater runoff from Amboy Field to the Amboy Ditch.

# August 1, 1993 to July 31, 1998

On June 25, 1993, NJDEP issued a Final NJPDES DSW Permit Reissuance to Chevron, which became effective August 1, 1993. The revisions to the permit enabled Chevron to accurately monitor contributions to the Spa Spring Creek outfall and discharges associated with the sludge dewatering operations.

• Units Covered/Discharge Points Monitored: DSN 004A, 004B and 004C: Spa Spring Creek Outfalls **DSN 005: ETP** DSN 005A: ETP

DSN 006A: Runoff from undeveloped portion of Amboy Field to Amboy Ditch

Significant Changes from Previous Issuance: The single terminal discharge point, known as DSN 004, was identified as DSN 004A, and two upstream monitoring points, identified as DSN 004B and DSN 004C, were added.

# March 1, 1999 to 2012 (Sale to Buckeye)

In January 1999, the NJDEP issued a New Jersey Facility Wide Permit (No. NJ00011) to Chevron. The FWP replaced the NJPDES DSW Permit No. NJ0000221. The FWP renewed the permit for the ETP outfall, identified as DSN 005A, to discharge treated process water to Woodbridge Creek and specified effluent limits. The FWP no longer requires monitoring, record keeping and reporting for DSN 004B and DSN 006A (Spa Spring Creek and the drainage ditch in Amboy Field).

# 1.1.3 Response to USEPA Comments Regarding Effluent Discharges

The USEPA noted in Comments 2 and 3 of its March 1, 2019 letter that additional information was needed to evaluate potential impacts to waterways from runoff and non-point discharges, point discharges, and to otherwise describe historical practices related to management of storm and process waste waters. This information is summarized above and was previously described in several documents and is provided for convenience and to expedite the review process. The Facility's current permitted storm water/wastewater discharge (operated by the current owner, Buckeye Perth Amboy Terminal, LLC) is located along Woodbridge Creek. Attachment 2 includes relevant sections of the August 1994 DOCC report noted above (prepared by ESE, Inc.). The DOCC report provides a comprehensive evaluation of the historical and then-current practices related to waste disposal at the Facility, especially Section 3 of the DOCC which describes wastewater and process discharges to the adjacent waterways (Attachment 2). The drawing titled Land Use/Drainage included in Appendix B shows drainage infrastructure, containment structures, catch basins, treatment facilities and outfalls to surface waters in existence at the Facility as of January 1993. Flow arrows on this drawing indicate that drainage from most of the bulk storage tank impoundments was collected and discharged to the Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) along Woodbridge Creek. Drainage from the western portions of the Facility including the Amboy Tank Field and discharges of non-contact cooling water from the former West Yard power plant was conveyed to Spa Spring Creek. The drawing indicates that a portion of the flow from the West Yard and Amboy Tank field diverged approximately 1,200 feet north of the West Yard. It is believed that the power plant's non-contact cooling water discharged to DSN004, while the stormwater flowed to the ETP. The information provided by the DOCC and Land Use/Drainage plan address the USEPA's comments regarding historical discharges and storm/waste water management. Information on older waste management practices at the Facility is unavailable.

The USEPA also recommended that Chevron review the 1965 report prepared by the Interstate Sanitation Commission titled "Location of City Sewers adjacent to Industrial Plants Bordering the Arthur Kill in New Jersey," (ISCR). Please be advised that Chevron used the ISCR document to help identify SWMUs in their DOCC Report previously submitted to NJDEP and USEPA in 1994. The ISCR document identified API Separators #1 and #2 and the settling basin at Woodbridge Creek. As stated in the 1994 DOCC Chevron identified all the separators and ponds listed in the ISCR report as SWMUs as follows:

- SWMU 36: is the former "East Yard Tank Farm Separator" at the Arthur Kill as discussed in the ISCR document (DOCC, page 2-11).
- SWMU 40: includes the former Separator #1 and the former settling basin (Old Pond) at Woodbridge Creek as discussed in the ISCR document (DOCC, page 2-12).
- SWMU 31: includes the former Separator #2 at Woodbridge Creek as discussed in the ISCR document (DOCC, page 2-12).

The ISCR notes that all sanitary wastes were discharged to the 12-inch diameter public sewer on State Street. Maps included in the ISCR do not provide any detail for the Facility.

#### 1.2 **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the revised SFSAP is to provide supplemental information to address the data gaps identified and related to the RFI of Woodbridge Creek, Spa Spring Creek, and the Arthur Kill, and thus fulfill the requirements set forth in the Facility's HSWA Permit. Specifically, the proposed investigation is intended to supplement the prior investigations conducted in 2002 and 2014, in accordance with the August 31, 2018 USEPA/NJDEP letter and comments, as revised pursuant to the September 17, 2018 meeting, and the USPEPA's March 1, 2019 letter. Related USEPA correspondence is included in Appendix A.

# 1.3 DISCUSSION OF USEPA MARCH 1, 2019 COMMENTS AND SFSAP **MODIFICATIONS**

The USEPA's March 1, 2019 comments were addressed individually in the Response to Comments dated July 1, 2019 (July 2019 RTCs) prepared by TRC. As indicated in the July 2019 RTCs, this SFSAP was modified to address the USEPA's concerns, which generally involved presenting historical data to support and clarify the basis of proposed sediment sample locations/depths with respect to adjacent terrestrial areas of contamination (e.g., SWMUs, AOCs, PAOCs, related LNAPL areas). The comments will be discussed in the specific sections referenced by the USEPA in the March 1, 2019 comment letter. The following, previouslyprovided items but have been attached to this SFSAP to assist the USEPA with completing its review and are referenced where appropriate to address the USEPA's comments:

Figure 2a: Proposed Sediment Sample Locations and Supplemental Information: Figure 2a was added to the SFSAP to include SWMUs, AOCs, and PAOCs (including areas of LNAPL) within 200 feet of the adjacent waterways and other Facility features, and historic/proposed sediment sampling locations in the waterways. Figure 2a addresses the USEPA's Comment 2 request that "... Figure 2, should be revised to discuss, at length, any AOCs/SWMUs/PAOCs with the potential to impact these waterbodies, including but not limited to: SWMUs 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 24, 26, 31, 35, 36, 40, 41, 45, etc." Inclusion of Figure 2a also provides

information for other USEPA comments regarding historical Facility features and locations with respect to proposed sediment sampling.

Figure 3: Sitewide AOC/SWMU Map with 2012 and 2013 O1/O2 LNAPL Extent: This drawing was included in the 2012 and Q1/Q2 2013 Stabilization Measures Status Report previously submitted to the USEPA and shows all of the AOCs and SWMUs at the Facility with the horizontal extent of LNAPL in each area for the subject years. Proposed sediment sample locations are also shown.

Figure 4: Fourth Quarter 2012 LNAPL Extent: This drawing was included in the 2012 and Q1/Q2 2013 Stabilization Measures Status Report previously submitted to the USEPA. It supplements Figure 3 by providing spefiic details on LNAPL thickness in each area.

Figure 5: Areas of Concern, Solid Waste Management Units, Potential Areas of Concern Figure 2-2 by Parsons, Inc. (November 19, 2008): This Figure was presented during the September 2018 meeting and shows SWMUs/AOCs/PAOCs for the entire Facility. It has been updated to include all proposed sediment sample locations and explanatory notes.

Supplemental Ecological Evaluation Report, November 1, 2016 (SEER) - Attachment. 1: The SEER was included in its entirety to provide background data and other information requested by USEPA in their comments. Specific sections of the SEER are referenced further in the SFSAP where appropriate, to provide further detail.

Relevant sections of the August 1994 Description of Current Conditions (DOCC) report -Attachment 2: The DOCC was previously supplied to the USEPA since it described historical conditions at the Facility and wastewater discharge and waste management and disposal practices known up to the mid-1990s. Relevant sections (i.e., Section 3) of the DOCC are attached to address the USEPA's comment 3, which states that "The document should be revised to discuss waste management practices prior to 1974 (date of initial Federal NPDES permit), prior to city sewer connections, and identify historic direct discharges of industrial waste into the three waterbodies.

NJDEP Land Use/Land Cover Mapping – Attachment 3-1: This map provides an area-wide identification of land uses in the vicinity of the Facility, e.g., industrial, residential, etc.

Sediment and LNAPL Area Boring Logs-Attachment 4: The USEPA's Comment 9 states "A quick review of boring logs associated with SWMU 40 suggests the presence of free/residual LNAPL to a depth of 26 ft. bgs in borings (i.e. S40-7/U040-007, MW-33, U040-001, HP-0001-D, S40-7/U040-007, S40-8/U040-008, etc.) along the shoreline of Woodbridge Creek... The document should be revised to include a figure and thorough discussion of all existing soil borings along the shorelines specifically at AOCs/SWMUs where LNAPL has been detected..." The logs for each of the borings referenced in the USEPA's comment above were reviewed and are included as Attachment 4, along with sediment core logs for Vibracore sampling in the waterways.

<u>Appendix A: Relevant Correspondence</u>: Appendix A includes Chevron's Response to the USEPA's August 31, 2018 letter that was included with the November 2018 SFSAP.

<u>Appendix B:</u> Relevant documents have been included in Appendix B that provide specific information on the historical discharges to the adjacent waterways, waste and storm water conveyance and treatment systems, and locations of LNAPL areas at the Facility. These additional documents are referenced further in this SFSAP and include:

- B-1: *Land Use and Drainage* (January1993, Coastal Environmental Services). Appendix B-1 is a plan showing the on-Facility stormwater collection system and discharge locations as of January 1993.
- B-2: Section 7 of the November 2003 RFI report describing LNAPL conditions.
- B-3: Section 9 of the November 2003 RFI report Baseline Ecological Evaluation and associated sediment analytical data tables.
- B-4: Third Quarter 2013 Progress Report, Former Chevron Perth Amboy Facility 2012 and Q1/Q2 Stabilization Measures Report Reporting Period January 1, 2012-June 30, 2013.
- B-5: Table 3, Liquid Measurement Data from Appendix A of the LNAPL Quarterly Report, First Quarter 2019, by Parsons, Inc.

# **1.3.1** Response to USEPA Comments

As noted above, Chevron provided general responses to each of the USEPA's March 1, 2019 comments in the associated July 2019 RTCs. Additional, detailed responses are included in the SFSAP, as revised. The USEPA Comments 1, 2, and 3 are general comments pertaining to Section 1.0 of the SFSAP, and are therefore addressed in this section; other USEPA comments are addressed in subsequent sections:

<u>USEPA Comment 1</u>. Section 1.0 Introduction, Page 1,3rd paragraph: The document states, "The facility has completed several phases of the RCRA Facilities Investigation (RFI) for the three surface water bodies ..." However, the historical data is not included in this document, as such it is unclear if the proposed sampling locations and intervals are sufficient. The document should be revised to include a more detailed discussion of sampling results (text, figure, table) from prior investigations so that we can evaluate if the proposed locations are adequate to sufficiently delineate the nature and extent of contamination in the waterbodies and along the adjacent shorelines.

# Chevron Response

Sediment samples proposed in the November 2018 SFSAP and all sediment sample locations where additional sampling is proposed are shown on Figures 2, 2a, and 3, and are listed on Table 1. Both Table 1 and Figure 3 of the SFSAP provide an explanation for the proposed sampling location with respect to the USEPA's comments regarding the sufficiency of proposed sampling.

Tables I-IX of the SEER (Attachment 1) provide data on sediment contamination and physical properties from the 2014 sediment sampling event; mapped analytical results summaries for the targeted analytical parameters are provided on Figures 3-5 of the SEER. The SEER concluded the following regarding the extent of sediment in Woodbridge Creek:

• Based on the bathymetry, the Woodbridge Creek sediments terminate at the confluence of Woodbridge Creek and Arthur Kill.

This indicates that the physical limit of the contaminated (i.e., soft, upper sediments) does not extend into the Arthur Kill. In the upstream direction, (Attachment 1 [Figure 4]) samples collected north of the Spa Spring Creek/Woodbridge Creek confluence at SED-09-A, B, C, A(R), and C(R) suggest off-Facility contribution based on the significantly higher concentrations of BNs, EPH, and metals, versus the nearest on-Facility samples in Woodbridge Creek (SED-06A, B, and C) and in Spa Spring Creek (SED-07-A, B, and C). The SEER also notes that "background sources are a likely contributor to the presence of COPECs in sediment and in surface water in Woodbridge Creek and Spa Spring Creek." Chevron is proposing additional samples along two transects (SED-23-A, B, C and SED-24-A, B, C) between the SED-09 and SED-06 samples to refine the extent of contaminated sediments in this area (Figures 2, 2a).

<u>USEPA Comment 2.</u> Section 1.0 Introduction, Page 3: The document states, "As part of the Supplemental EE, Chevron ...further evaluated potential contaminant migration pathways to surface water." However, limited information on this evaluation was included in this document as such we are unable to determine if the proposed sampling program is adequate. The document, as well as Figure 2, should be revised to discuss, at length, any AOCs/SWMUs/PAOCs with the potential to impact these waterbodies, including but not limited to: SWMUs 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 24, 26, 31, 35, 36, 40, 41, 45, etc. This figure should also show the former confluence of historic Spa Spring Creek with Woodbridge Creek and areas where non-point source discharges over the Facility's operation history may have occurred via sheet runoff or groundwater discharges, and/or were associated with overwater fuel transfers, former dock/pier operations, etc. Additionally, this figure should indicate the location of shoreline/perimeter soil borings where light non-aqueous phase liquid (LNAPL) was detected, as referenced below in Comment No. 9. The above information is necessary to determine if the proposed sampling program is adequate.

# Chevron Response

Figure 2 has been revised to show the updated sampling locations, and Figure 2a has been added to the SFSAP to show the proposed sediment sampling locations with respect to the locations of SWMUs, AOCs, POACs, and current LNAPL areas along Spa Spring Creek, Woodbridge Creek, and the Arthur Kill, as well as other features such as known discharge locations to surface waters. The approximate length of Woodbridge Creek from the proposed sample locations at SED-19-B and 19-C nearest the Arthur Kill and upstream to sample locations SED-24-A, B, and C is 5,730 feet (~1.1 mile). On average, there is a sediment sampling transect for each ~500-foot segment of the creek along this distance, including the reach between State Street and the Spa Spring Creek

confluence. There is one sediment sampling transect for every 300 feet (on average) over the 2,200-foot length of Spa Spring Creek from its confluence with Woodbridge Creek upstream to Amboy Avenue. As noted at the September 2018 meeting, it was agreed that characterization of creek sediments to a finer degree was unnecessary for the purpose of the SFSAP, which is to ensure compliance with the HSWA permit. The proposed sampling frequencies adequately characterize the physico-chemical conditions in Spa Spring Creek and Woodbridge Creek as they flow past the Facility, and sample transects are situated as close as possible to SWMUs, AOCs, PAOCs, and LNAPL areas (current and former) on the Facility.

It should be noted that the proposed sediment sampling and analysis and the previously completed sampling likely capture impacts not associated with Chevron, given the industrial history of the watershed and active, urbanized land uses along its banks (e.g., CP Chemicals). Regarding the impact of non-point sources to the waterways, it was noted above that historical mapping in Appendix B indicates only very limited portions of the Facility generated overland flow, with the majority of process area drainage collected by stormwater infrastructure with permitted discharges at DSN004 and the Effluent Treatment Plant (Appendix B-1).

LNAPL areas at the Facility are shown on Figure 2a, and on Figures 3 and 4. The on-going remediation of these areas has significantly reduced their extent, and in some cases, LNAPL was eliminated entirely. LNAPL areas are further discussed in Section 2 to address USEPA's Comment 9. Historical data for LNAPL is provided in Appendix B-2 (Section 7 of the November 2003 RFI report). Additional data on LNAPL stabilization and monitoring through 2019 is provided in Appendices B-4 and B-5.

# 2.0 METHODS AND STUDY DESIGN

This section outlines the proposed sampling methods and laboratory analyses for the proposed sediment sampling. The SFSAP will be implemented in accordance with the NJDEP's *Technical Requirements for Facility Remediation* (TRSR), the NJDEP's *Ecological Evaluation Technical Guidance*, Version 2.0, August 2018 (EETG), and the NJDEP's 2005 *Field Sampling Procedures Manual* (FSPM). Details of sample collection, handling, and quality assurance are presented in the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) included as Appendix C. As noted above, the objective of the SFASP is to complete the RFI. The methods being employed to achieve this objective include supplementing the existing set of sediment data obtained from the sampling conducted in 2002 and 2014 with the data to be furnished from implementing the SFSAP. The sample locations, depth intervals and analytical parameters proposed herein are intended to be in accordance with the USEPA and NJDEP comments, and the technical discussion at the September 17, 2018 meeting. Where appropriate, the SFSAP has been modified to reflect the most recent USEPA/NJDEP comments provided in the March 1, 2019 letter, and the SFSAP is considered sufficient to complete the RFI for the HSWA permit.

The field sampling proposed in the SFSAP focuses on sediment sampling locations within Woodbridge Creek, Spa Spring Creek, and the Arthur Kill. Field activities to be performed as part of the SFSAP include:

- Sediment sampling, to be completed utilizing Vibracore® drilling methods from sampling barges or boats, where possible.
- Manual sediment sampling in some of the non-navigable reaches of the waterways or where buried utilities (e.g., pipelines) prevent use of mechanical drilling methods.
- Field observation, characterization, and screening of sediment samples for field indications of contamination including use of a photo-ionization detector (PID) to detect VOC vapors; field notes recording the presence of odors, staining, or sheen on the sediment core matrix; and.
- Laboratory analysis of sediment samples for analytical parameters similar to those analyzed in the 2002 and 2014 sediment investigations as presented in Section 2.2, below. Note that EPH did not exist as an approved petroleum hydrocarbon analytical method in 2002; sediment samples were analyzed for EPH during the 2014 sediment field investigation and EPH will be included among the analytical parameters proposed in this SFASP for this final phase of the investigation).

The results of the proposed investigation activities will be documented in a supplemental Woodbridge Creek, Spa Spring Creek and Arthur Kill RFI report. The supplemental report will be comprehensive, incorporating the results of the prior investigations for each of the subject waterways.

# 2.1 SAMPLE COLLECTION

The USEPA's Comment 4 of the March 1, 2019 letter requested that a table be prepared comparing historical and proposed sample information. Revised Table 1 provides a summary of all proposed samples to be collected and the associated laboratory analytical parameters along with correlated

historical sample information (depth, analyses) and an explanatory summary. The USEPA's Comment 5 discussed the proposed background sampling locations at SED-10, indicating that they were "directly beneath an overpass which is a potential source of PAHs and inorganics. Chevron recommended the SED-10 background sampling since the SED-09 samples located approximately 800 feet upstream of Spa Spring Creek and north of the Facility contained elevated levels of PAHs and EPH, possibly related to other sources. It should be noted that the USEPA's comment does not consider the urbanized nature of Woodbridge Creek and its surrounding watershed. Discounting a background sediment sample location due to potential roadway runoff impacts, given the intensity of industrial, residential, transportation and land use characteristics within the watershed is unrealistic. The map included as Attachment 3-1 is a NJDEP GIS-based Land Use and Land Cover map that provides an overview of conditions in the watershed. USEPA's Comment 5 indicated that off-Facility source sampling is needed to support Chevron's belief that contaminated sediment at SED-09 is unrelated to the Facility. As shown on Figures 9-7, 9-8, and 9-9 of the 2003 RFI, samples at SED-06 downstream of SED-09 but upstream of the Facility contained much lower levels of contamination than SED-09 samples, which suggests a separate, off-Facility source. Chevron will re-evaluate this condition pending the results of sediment analysis at proposed sample locations along the SED-23 and SED-24 transects to further document sediment quality between the Facility and SED-09 (Figure 2; Figure 2a).

Samples will be collected from on-shore or from a boat that will navigate to each sediment location using Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment. To the extent possible, the sampling program will proceed in a direction, upstream or downstream, depending upon the tidal flow at the time of sampling. A total of up to 92 sediment samples will be collected for field screening and laboratory analysis. The locations of the proposed sediment samples are shown on revised Figure 2 and on Figure 2a, but it should be understood that final field sample locations and depths may be adjusted based on field conditions or safety concerns at the time of sampling.

The sampling locations shown on revised Figure 2 and Figure 2a, and on other drawings in this SFSAP were identified and discussed at the working session between Chevron, EPA, and NJDEP during the September 17, 2018 Facility meeting. A summary of the selection of sampling locations and analytical parameters can be found in Chevron's November 15, 2018 response letter to USEPA, accompanying this SFSAP (Appendix A). In summary the proposed sampling locations were selected to accomplish the following: (1) fill in data gaps with new sample locations, (2) provide additional background data as requested by USEPA so that USEPA's statistical background analysis as contained in the USEPA's ProUCL Guidance could be run, and (3) revisit previously sampled locations to supplement analysis with shallow and/or deeper samples as well as EPH where it had not previously been analyzed. The number and location of sediment samples proposed in the November 2018 edition of the SFSAP are similar to those proposed in this current revised edition. Eighty-seven (87) sediment samples were proposed in the November 2018 edition of the SFSAP, while the revised SFSAP added an additional five sediment samples for a total of 92 (see Table 1, revised). A summary of proposed sampling locations is provided below.

**Additional Background Locations Woodbridge Creek**: Chevron will collect eight (8) additional background samples along Woodbridge Creek, in the vicinity of existing background location SED-10, to provide a more robust background data set for analysis with USEPA's ProUCL method. These additional background locations for Woodbridge Creek are designated

as SED-WCBG-1 through SED-WCBG-8 on Figure 2 and Table 1. Sample depths and analytical parameters are provided on Table 1 with explanations relating proposed samples to the SWMUs/AOCs/PAOCs as appropriate.

Additional Background Locations Spa Spring Creek: Chevron will collect four (4) additional background samples along Spa Spring Creek to provide a more robust background data set for analysis with USEPA's ProUCL method comply. These additional background locations are designated as SED-SSBG-1 through SED-SSBG-4 on Figure 2 and Table 1. Sample depths and analytical parameters are provided on Table 1 with explanations relating proposed samples to the SWMUs/AOCs/PAOCs as appropriate.

Data Gaps Woodbridge Creek New Boring Locations: Chevron will add two additional transects (three borings per transect) in between SED-06 and SED-09. These additional transects are SED-23-A,B,C and SED-24-A,B,C as shown on Figure 2 and Table 1. Samples will be collected from the surface interval and from the subsurface interval exhibiting the greatest potential for contamination, determined by field observations.

Chevron will attempt to collect shallow sediment samples between existing transects SED-03 and SED-02. During the 2014 sampling event Chevron attempted to collect a Vibracore sample transect at this location. The pipeline companies which own and/or operate underground petroleum pipelines at this location refused to allow drilling access for safety reasons. Chevron will re-engage the underground utility owners and attempt to collect shallow samples along a transect using a Ponar or Ekman Dredge sampler. The feasibility of completing this transect depends on obtaining approval from the utility owners. This additional transect is SED-25, to include sample locations SED-25-A, B, and C. As requested in the USEPA's Comment 6, the proposed samples are included on Figure 2. Figure 2a, and Table 1 with the approximate alignment and location of utilities that cross Woodbridge Creek in the area of the proposed samples.

Chevron is also proposing an additional Woodbridge Creek transect between existing transects SED-01 and SED-02 even through this transect is not on or adjacent to Chevron property. This additional transect is SED-22-A, B, C as shown on Figure 2, Figure 2a, and Table 1. Sample depths and analytical parameters are provided on Table 1 with explanations relating proposed samples to the SWMUs/AOCs/PAOCs as appropriate.

Data Gap Samples EPH Analysis at Existing Boring Locations: As the USEPA noted in Comment 7 of their March 1, 2019 letter, "Chevron will resample all past locations on Woodbridge Creek and Spa Spring Creek for EPH analysis where EPH was not analyzed previously" but also indicated that the proposed EPH sampling is limited in scope to the 0-0.5-foot sediment interval. However, it should be noted that the proposed EPH sampling interval of 0-0.5 feet is consistent with Chevron's statement since that was the primary depth interval where EPH was not previously analyzed. The EPH-only sample locations are identified below and are listed on the revised Table 1 with comparison to prior samples Their locations are shown on Figures 2 and 2a.

# Proposed Sample Location for EPH Analysis<sup>1</sup>

SED-01-A	SED-04-B	SED-07-C
SED-01-B	SED-04-C(R)	SED-08-A
SED-01-C	SED-05-A	SED-08-B
SED-02-A	SED-05-B	SED-09-A(R)
SED-02-B(R)	SED-05-C	SED-09-B
SED-02-C(R)	SED-06-A	SED-09-C(R)
SED-03-A	SED-06-B(R)	SED-10-A
SED-03-B(R)	SED-06-C	SED-10-B
SED-03-C(R)	SED-07-A	SED-10-C
SED-04-A	SED-07-B	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Physical parameters including grain size, pH, and Total Organic Carbon (TOC) will also be analyzed at these locations.

Data Gap Additional Vertical Samples at Existing Boring Locations: During the 2014 investigation, only deeper samples were taken at boring locations SED-19-B and SED-19-C. Shallow samples to fill in this data gap will be taken at Sed-19-B and Sed-19-C. The two SED-19 samples are shown on revised Figure 2, Figure 2a, and Table 1. Both samples will be analyzed for the full suite of parameters (VOCs, BNs, metals), EPH. and the physical parameters as shown on Table 1 with explanations relating proposed samples to the SWMUs/AOCs/PAOCs as appropriate. The USEPA commented that "this section only discusses the collection of shallow samples at transect SED-19" and that the SFSAP should include additional sampling of a full suite of parameters at all sample locations "where data does not previously exist." The data gap for samples collected at transect SED-19 will be addressed by the proposed, shallow interval sampling since deeper intervals were already sampled and analyzed for the full suite of parameters along this transect (emphasis added).

# 2.1.1 Sediment Sampling

Where possible and consistent with 2014 sediment sampling in Woodbridge Creek, sediment cores will be advanced using Vibracore® drilling methods to refusal or a total depth of 20 feet below the sediment surface, or to the top of the underlying parent material (till, clay, or sand units), whichever is first encountered. Sediment physical conditions and related field observations (e.g., color, texture, consistency, odors, visual indication of petroleum hydrocarbons, etc.) will be recorded with the field notes. The sediment samples will be screened with a calibrated photoionization detector (PID) and measurements recorded.

The goal of this investigation is to supplement the data set generated from the 2002 and 2014 sampling events. Additional samples will be collected from the new transects; older locations will be revisited in Woodbridge Creek, Spa Spring Creek and the Arthur Kill; and samples will be collected from additional background locations in Woodbridge Creek and Spa Spring Creek. In response to the USEPA's Comment 9 regarding the consistent description of proposed sediment core intervals, all locations will be advanced to a total depth of up to 20 feet below the sediment surface, or to the top of the underlying parent material (till, clay, or sand units), or refusal, whichever is first encountered. The depth limitations noted above, i.e., refusal, top of parent material (till...) would correspond with the physical (vertical) extent of soft sediment in the waterbodies. While a terminal depth of 20 feet is proposed, it may not be possible to attain in all locations. Refusal on hard till or other underlying parent material will likely be encountered at shallower intervals. The advancement of deeper borings is proposed only to enhance the lithology of the sediment materials, and not for additional collection of samples for laboratory analysis. While Vibracore® drilling is proposed for most sample collection, some sediment samples, including those between transects SED-02 and SED-03, will be collected manually from shallow intervals using a stainless steel Ponar dredge due to the presence of buried utilities or other hazards, subject to access being granted by the operators of the local utilities.

The USEPA indicated in Comment 9 of their March 1, 2019 letter that a proposed 10-foot limit to sediment borings may not be adequate for all locations based on its review of the existing boring logs for SWMU 40 (i.e. well and boring log for S40-7/U040-007, MW-33, U040-001, HP-0001-D, S40-7/U040-007, S40-8/U040-008, etc.). The USEPA specifically noted that "free/residual LNAPL" is present up to 26 feet below grade and is concerned that a 10-foot depth limitation may not adequately characterize potential impacts on creek sediments. The cited boring logs are included as Attachment 4, and were completed in the mid-1990s. As noted by the USEPA, the presence of potential LNAPL was noted to a depth of 26 feet in boring U040-007. However, it appears that the area of LNAPL is limited in extent. As described in the SEER (Attachment 1), "there is no indication of ongoing discharges of hazardous substances from the Facility based on the soil and groundwater sample analysis, and light, non—aqueous phase liquid (LNAPL) investigation." The LNAPL detected in the SWMUs has been demonstrated to be virtually immobile, and residual versus free and therefore does not represent a source of the contaminants detected in creek sediments. The existing (SED-03 A, B, and C) and proposed sediment sample locations are positioned in a manner where potential LNAPL/contaminants associated with SWMU 40 would be detected (Table 1; Figure 2a). There are two remaining LNAPL areas within 200 feet of the Arthur Kill in the East Yard including areas EY4a and EY4b. Boring logs associated with these are also included in Appendix B-4, which includes the entire Third Quarter 2013 Progress Report, Former Chevron Perth Amboy Facility - 2012 and Q1/Q2 Stabilization Measures Report. There is no known impact to the Arthur Kill associated with these small LNAPL areas, and the LNAPL is immobile/residual. Section 7 of the 2003 RFI report (Appendix B-2) describes the LNAPL at the Facility as follows:

The releases of LNAPL are believed to be fairly old, based on the Facility history and because most of the LNAPL is weathered. With a few exceptions, the accumulations of LNAPL in wells tend to be small, usually less than 0.1 feet. When the residual saturation of LNAPL is high enough (usually 20% of pore space or greater, based on the literature), the lower viscosity LNAPL will drain to a well. However, the lenses are often depleted rapidly. A typical example is the SWMU 40 LNAPL area. In 1995, based on the accumulation of LNAPL in temporary wells, Chevron began excavation for a recovery well and found the fill in the area to consist of predominantly clay. Although the excavation was completed to a depth of 12 feet, no LNAPL entered the excavation.

Although LNAPL will occasionally drain to a well, as described above, the LNAPL areas are not believed to be moving laterally because:

- The LNAPL releases are old and the LNAPL has had time to stabilize;
- LNAPL is not found in continuous "pools" but in discontinuous lenses and layers of flyash surrounded by lower permeability material (i.e., clay);
- Many of the lenses and layers are below the water table;
- The accumulation of LNAPL in monitoring wells is typically small and therefore LNAPL "thickness" in the formation is small; and
- *Much of the LNAPL has a high viscosity in the range of motor oil or greater.*

The additional weathering of the LNAPL over the past 16 years, coupled with active remediation have further reduced the extent of the LNAPL. Chevron has submitted annual LNAPL monitoring reports to the USEPA and NJDEP from the 1990s through 2017. These reports have been approved and indicate that no impacts to the adjacent waters are associated with the LNAPL areas. Monitoring wells in/near LNAPL areas were periodically gauged to determine LNAPL presence and thickness on the groundwater surface. Therefore, there is no further need to review historical soil boring logs for evaluating LNAPL.

# 2.2 SAMPLE ANALYSIS

The laboratory analytical parameters will generally match those from previous sediment sampling events conducted at the Facility in 2002 and 2014, as discussed during the September 2018 meeting. A summary of the proposed analytical methods for sediment samples is provided below:

Sediment Analytical Parameters

Parameter	Method	
Volatile Organic Compounds (TCL)	USEPA 8260C	
Base Neutral Compounds (TCL)	8270D/8270D-SIM	
Metals (TAL)	6010C, 7471B	
Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons (EPH)	NJDEP EPH Method Revision 3	
Grain size determination	D1498-76M	
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	Lloyd-Khan	

TAL = USEPA Target Analyte List; see QAPP for specific list of analytes.

TCL = USEPA Target Compound List; see QAPP for specific list of analytes.

The laboratory analysis of sediment samples will be performed by a NJDEP-certified laboratory. Quality assurance procedures for sampling, sample handling/preservation, and laboratory requirements are described in the QAPP (Appendix C).

All samples collected from the 0-0.5-foot interval below the sediment surface will be analyzed for EPH (total and fractionated), with other parameters included in selected samples as noted in Table 1, which includes other sample information.

# 3.0 DELIVERABLE

A supplemental sediment investigation report will be prepared providing the results of the field work and laboratory sample analyses conducted as part of this field effort. The supplemental report will be a comprehensive report on all three water bodies, combining the results of the 2002 and 2014 surface water/sediment investigations into a final waterbody RFI report intended to fully address the relevant provisions of Module III Condition B.2. (Pages 25 and 26) of the Facility's 2013 HSWA Permit. The USEPA had several comments, including Comment 10 regarding the proposed RFI report, pertaining to the need for historical data prior to completing the SFSAP review. Sediment analytical results data tables I-IX from the SEER (Attachment 1), and tables 9-7 to 9-11 from the BEE, Section 9 of the 2003 RFI (Appendix B-3), are included in the USEPA's Comment 10 and related comments regarding historical data for SWMUs/AOCs/LNAPL areas. As noted above, Appendix B contains relevant sections of key documents, and historical maps that provide an operational history of the Facility and an overview of the intensive industrial development of the area surrounding the Facility and the Woodbridge Creek watershed.

Similar to previous reports, sediment data obtained from this investigation will be screened against applicable ecological screening criteria (NJDEP's Ecological Screening Criteria [ESCs]). EPA's ProUCL software will be used to evaluate the expanded background data set to be obtained from Woodbridge Creek and Spa Spring Creek. The report will also incorporate the results of soil and groundwater data from adjacent SWMUs and AOCs. A review of the Facility's waste management practices as they potentially relate to the water bodies as well as relevant surrounding Facility history and land use will be provided. The type, nature, and extent of sediment contamination in the three water bodies will be provided in the report.

# 4.0 SCHEDULE

The proposed activities described in this workplan will be completed as follows, subject to timely EPA approval:

Pre-mobilization/mobilization: 1 Month Following Workplan Approval

Field sampling: 2 to 3 Months Following Workplan Approval

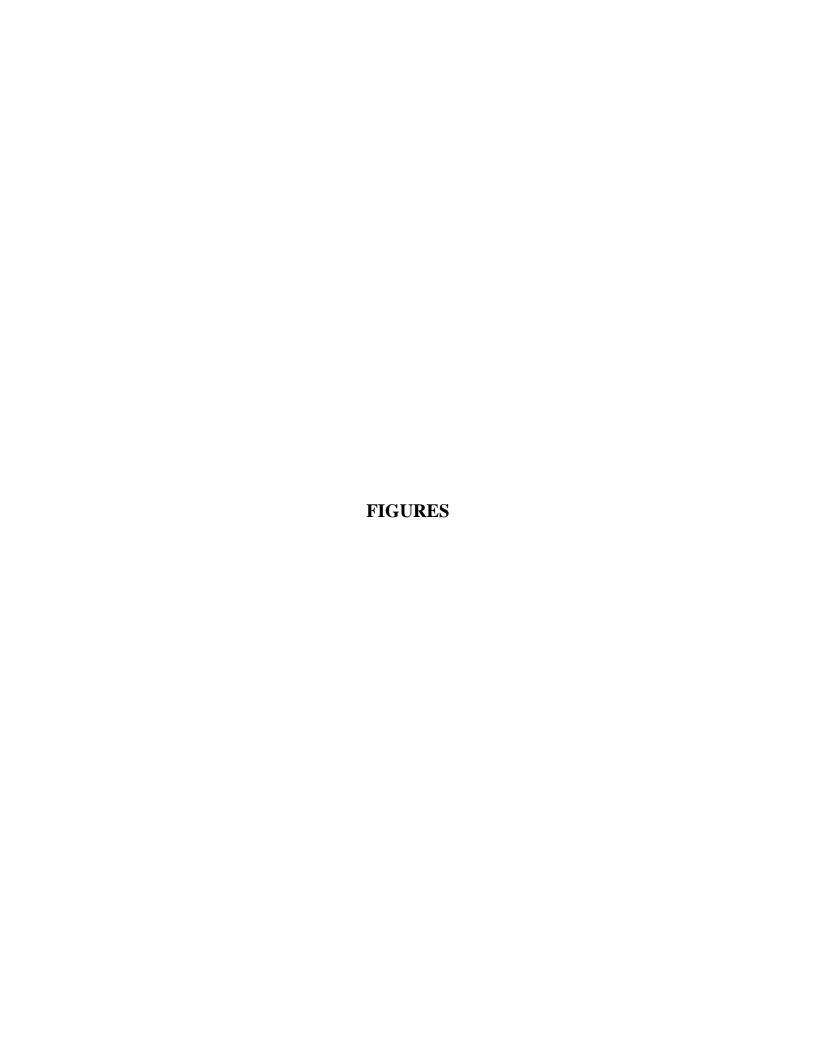
Laboratory testing and analysis: 3 to 4 Months Following Workplan Approval

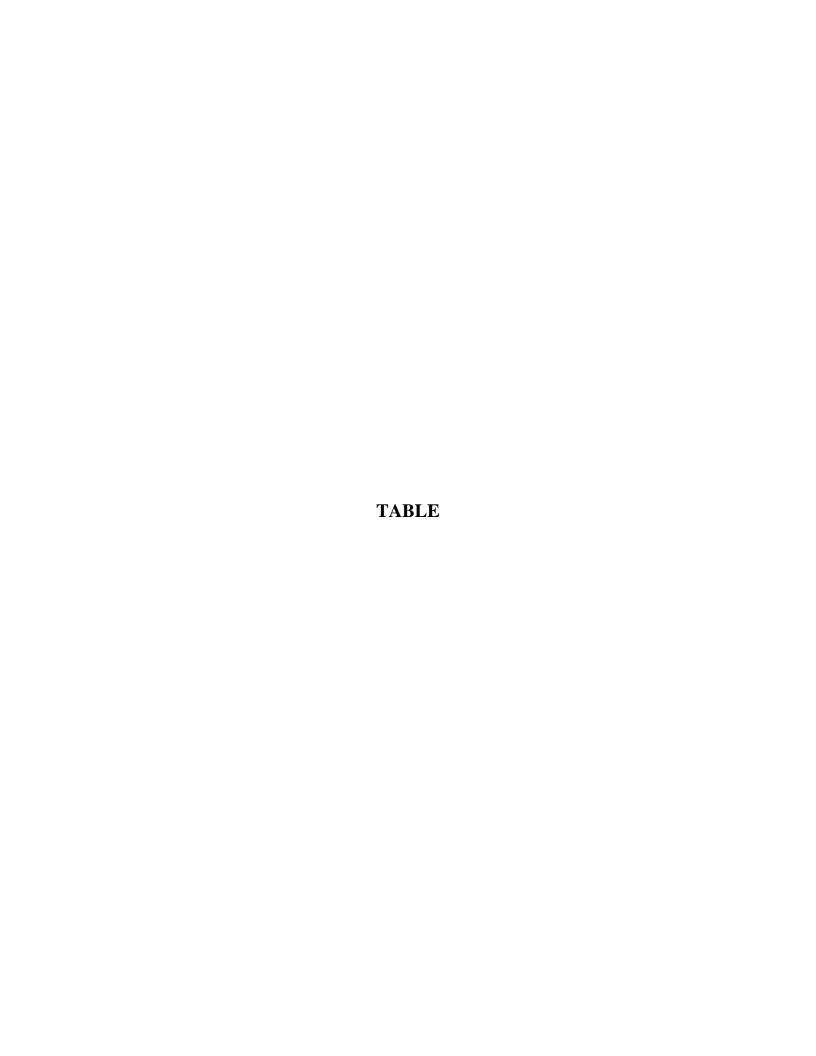
Final Supplemental Sediment Report: 3 Months Following Receipt of Lab Data

Completion of field sampling and related activities will be conducted in accordance with safety protocols established by Chevron, and the anticipated schedule is subject to change based on operational conditions, weather, etc.

# 5.0 REFERENCES

- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Protocol for Addressing Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons (Version 5.0). Facility Remediation Program. August 9, 2010.
- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons Methodology, Version 3.0. Facility Remediation Program. August 2010.
- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. August 2018. Ecological Evaluation Technical Guidance. (Ver. 2.0)
- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection May 2012 Technical Requirements for Facility Remediation.
- ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS REFERANCED IN THIS SFSAP ARE PROVIDED IN THE APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS.





# **APPENDIX A:**

**Relevant Correspondence** 

# **APPENDIX B:**

**HISTORIC INFORMATION** 

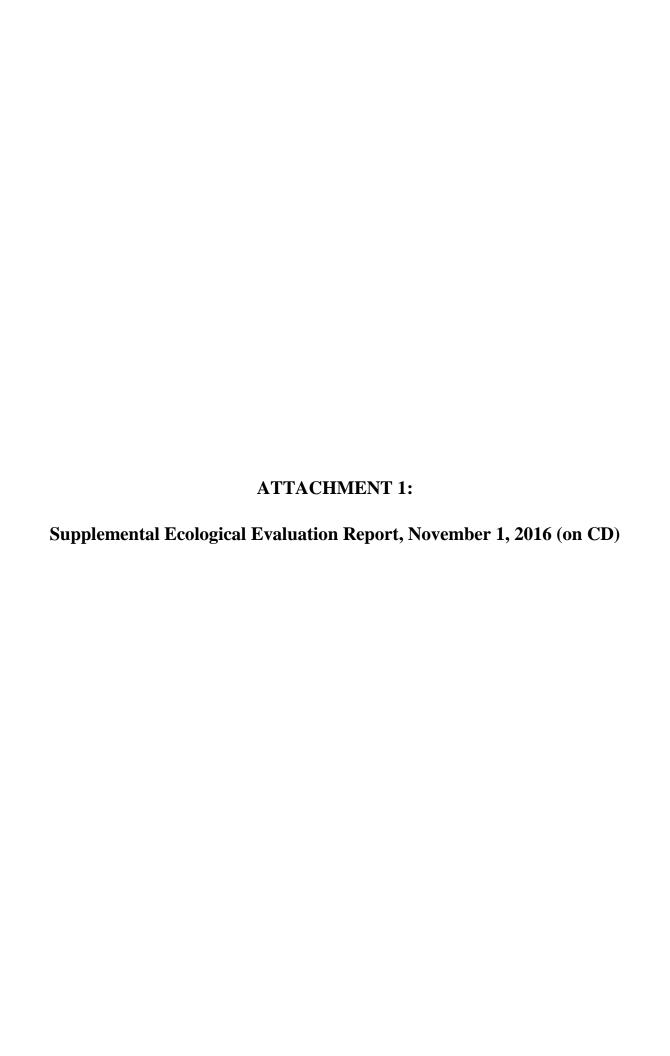
# **APPENDIX B INDEX:**

- B-1: Land Use and Drainage (January 1993, Coastal Environmental Services).
- B-2: Section 7 of the November 2003 RFI
- B-3: Section 9 of the November 2003 RFI report Baseline Ecological Evaluation and Associated Sediment Analytical Data Tables.
- B-4: Third Quarter 2013 Progress Report, Former Chevron Perth Amboy Facility 2012 and Q1/Q2 Stabilization Measures Report Reporting Period January 1, 2012-June 30, 2013 (Included on DVD)
- B-5: Table 3, Liquid Measurement Data from Appendix A of the LNAPL Quarterly Report, First Quarter 2019, by Parsons, Inc.
- B-6: Historical Aerial Photographs

# **APPENDIX C:**

**Quality Assurance Project Plan** 

APPENDIX D:						
Electronic Copy of Supplemen	ntal Field Sampling an	d Analysis Plan (DVD)				



# **ATTACHMENT 2: Relevant Sections of the August 1994 Description of Current Conditions** Report

# **ATTACHMENT 3:**

3-1 NJDEP GIS LAND USE/LAND COVER MAP (GeoWEB)

# **ATTACHMENT 4:**

2002 and 2014 Sediment Boring Logs and 1995-1997 Well and Boring Logs for Selected SWMUs/AOCs/LNAPL Areas